

COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 49, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
- 3 family law and juvenile law.
- 4 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 5 SECTION 1. IC 31-17-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) The court may
- 7 grant visitation rights if the court determines that visitation rights are
- 8 in the best interests of the child.
- 9 (b) In determining the best interests of the child under this section,
- 10 the court ~~may~~ **shall** consider whether a grandparent has had or has
- 11 attempted to have meaningful contact with the child. **If the court finds**
- 12 **that a grandparent has not had or has not attempted to have**
- 13 **meaningful contact with the child, a rebuttable presumption is**

- 1 **created that the grandparent is not entitled to visitation under this**
2 **chapter.**

(Reference is to SB 49 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

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Chairperson